

Application No. 10/030,818
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) A supporting profile for erecting a structure, the supporting profile comprising:

an elongated hollow body having first and second ends and a longitudinal groove on outside of the body;

an adapter piece inserted into and secured to the first end of the elongated body, the adapter piece having a receiving chamber for receiving a turnbuckle; and

a disk-shaped end piece disposed at the first end and connected to the adapter piece, wherein the disk-shaped end piece is fastened to the adapter piece by fasteners.

11. (previously presented) The supporting profile according to Claim 10,

wherein the end piece has a concave recess adapted to an external curvature of a round profile.

12. (previously presented) The supporting profile according to Claim 11,

wherein the end piece has an opening for the turnbuckle to pass through.

13. (Previously presented) The supporting profile according to Claim 10,

wherein the end piece has a joint for connection to another profile.

14. (Previously presented) The supporting profile according to Claim 13,

wherein the joint includes a first disk which extends perpendicular to the end piece and has a center bore, and a second disk having a center bore and being connected with the first disk by means of a bolt extending through the center bores and acting as an axis of rotation, the second disk having a fastening device for connection to another profile.

15. (Previously presented) The supporting profile according to Claim 14,

wherein the second disk is connected to another end piece.

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16. (Previously presented) The supporting profile according to Claim 14,

wherein the second disk has a clamping part that is configured for insertion into a longitudinal grooves of another supporting profile.

17. (Previously presented) The supporting profile according to Claim 14 further comprising first and second hemispheres for covering two sides of each of the first and second disks.

18. (Previously presented) The supporting profile according to Claim 17,

wherein each hemisphere has a threaded center bore and can be screwed onto a threaded end of the bolt.